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The invention relates to a supporting device, which comprises a larger clearance for the spindle, whereby the foot receiving device should comprise a high level of stability. The foot-receiving device [(1)] comprises a component, which occludes the inner sleeve [(8)]. Said component comprises an opening [(3)] for admitting the spindle [(11)], at least one bracing element [(5, 5a, b, 6, 6a, b)] located on the upper and/or bottom sides thereof, and two opposing bearing points [(4a, 4b)] for the support foot.

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